



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5254

LCO No. 3271

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT INDEPENDENT
COLLEGE STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 In administering sections 10a-36 to 10a-42a, inclusive, the Board of
4 Governors of Higher Education shall annually request an
5 appropriation for this program to be derived by: (1) Calculating the
6 actual General Fund expenditures per full-time equivalent student at
7 The University of Connecticut and in the Connecticut State University
8 system, by taking the actual General Fund expenditures at The
9 University of Connecticut and for the Connecticut State University
10 system for the fiscal year two years prior to the grant year, as reported
11 for higher education in the annual report on the state budget prepared
12 by the Office of Fiscal Analysis, and dividing by the number of full-
13 time equivalent students enrolled at The University of Connecticut and
14 in the Connecticut State University system during said year as
15 determined by the Board of Governors of Higher Education; (2)
16 calculating the number of full-time equivalent undergraduate

17 Connecticut students enrolled at Connecticut independent colleges
18 and universities during the fall semester of said fiscal year; and (3)
19 multiplying the number of full-time equivalent undergraduate
20 Connecticut students at Connecticut independent colleges by (A)
21 twelve and three-tenths per cent of the actual General Fund
22 expenditures per full-time equivalent student at The University of
23 Connecticut and in the Connecticut State University system, as
24 calculated in subdivision (1) of this section for appropriations made for
25 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, [and by] (B) seventeen per cent of
26 the actual General Fund expenditures per full-time equivalent student
27 at The University of Connecticut and for the Connecticut State
28 University system, as calculated in subdivision (1) of this section for
29 appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, and (C)
30 twenty-five per cent of the actual General Fund expenditures per full-
31 time equivalent student at The University of Connecticut and in the
32 Connecticut State University system, as calculated in subdivision (1) of
33 this section for appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30,
34 2000, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

35 Sec. 2. Section 10a-40 of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

37 The amount of the annual appropriation to be allocated to each
38 independent college or university shall be determined by its actual
39 full-time equivalent enrollment of Connecticut undergraduate students
40 during the fall semester of the fiscal year two years prior to the grant
41 year. The number of eligible undergraduate Connecticut students
42 under sections 10a-36 to 10a-42a, inclusive, shall be determined by the
43 board but the awards based upon such computation shall not exceed
44 the total available appropriation. Each participating college shall
45 expend all of the moneys received under this program as direct
46 financial assistance for grants for educational expenses and student
47 employment to Connecticut undergraduate students. Direct financial
48 assistance does not include loans to Connecticut students which must
49 be repaid to the college at some future date. For each fiscal year a

50 minimum of ten per cent of the total institutional state student
51 financial aid which exceeds the amount appropriated to each
52 independent institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, shall
53 be used for student financial aid for needy minority students in
54 accordance with the board of governors' plan for racial and ethnic
55 diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year a minimum of [five]
56 two per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid
57 appropriated to each institution which exceeds the amount received by
58 each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, shall be used
59 for on-campus or off-campus community service work-study
60 placements. Participating independent colleges and universities shall
61 provide the Department of Higher Education with data and reports
62 necessary to administer the program and shall maintain, for a period
63 of not less than three years, records substantiating the reported
64 number of full-time equivalent Connecticut students and
65 documentation utilized by the college or university in determining
66 eligibility of the Connecticut independent college student grant
67 recipients. Such records shall be subject to audit. Funds not obligated
68 by a college or university shall be returned by January fifteenth of the
69 fiscal year of the grant to the Department of Higher Education for
70 reallocation to other institutions participating in this program. Any
71 funds so returned by a college or university shall be redistributed to all
72 other independent colleges and universities participating in the
73 program in accordance with the formula set forth in this section using
74 the most recent enrollment data available to the Board of Governors of
75 Higher Education.

76 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the amount of the annual appropriation for the program.
To change the formula for calculating the required amount of the
appropriation to be used for work study placements.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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